

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE Office of Planning & Sustainability

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by revising section 350-11.5 and 11.6 of said code; providing for best management practices for stormwater as part of site plan review.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows: That section **350-11.5 and 11.6** of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

11.5 Procedures *{Add the following redlined/underlined text}*

B. The application for site plan approval shall be accompanied by a site plan, drawings and supporting documentation in a form specified by rules and regulations which shall show, among other data, the following:

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(2)(g) Location and description of all stormwater drainage facilities, (including stormwater detention facilities, water quality structures, drainage calculations where applicable, and drainage easements), potential water quality impacts, planned Best Management Practices (BMPs) during the construction phase, and the planned BMPs to be used to manage runoff created after development. For major projects, applicants shall incorporate green infrastructure and low impact design to the extent feasible. For major projects that do not trigger a separate storm water permit, applicants shall submit information on all analysis conducted to incorporate low impact design and green infrastructure. Major projects that do not trigger separate storm water permitting must provide a proposed inspection schedule for the project during construction and upon completion. Inspections shall be performed by a qualified professional as confirmed by Planning Board.

(h) Location and description of public and private utilities, sewage disposal facilities, and water supply; 11.6 *{Add the following redlined/underlined text. Delete text as stricken}*

D. The requested use will not overload, and will mitigate adverse impacts on, the City's resources, including the effect on the City's water supply and distribution system, sanitary and storm sewage collection and treatment systems, fire protection, streets and schools. The construction materials and methods for water lines, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, fire protection, sidewalks, private roads, and other infrastructure shall be those set forth in the Northampton Subdivision Regulations^[1] (even for projects that are not part of a subdivision) unless the Planning Board finds that a different standard is more appropriate. Major projects that do not trigger separate storm water permitting shall have conditions that stipulate when inspections shall be completed and submitted to the City. Annual reports, as necessary depending on the stormwater management system, shall be submitted to the City.

F. (3)

Major projects, except in the Central Business District, must be designed so there is no increase in peak flows from the one- or two- and ten-year Soil Conservation Service design storm from predevelopment conditions (the condition at the time a site plan approval is requested). Green infrastructure and low impact design shall be incorporated to the extent feasible to ensure runoff is handled on site. At the very minimum the runoff from up to 1" rain storm (first flush) shall be detained on site for an average of six hours. These requirements shall not apply if the project will discharge into a City storm drain system that the Planning Board finds can accommodate the expected discharge with no adverse impacts. In addition, catch basins shall incorporate sumps of a minimum of four feet and, if they will remain privately owned, a gas trap.